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Attorney Docket No. SIC-00-004

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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KAZUHIRO FUJII

Application No.: 09/766,696

Filed: January 19, 2001

For: BRACKET ASSEMBLY FOR A

MOTOR CONTROLLED BICYCLE

TRANSMISSION

Examiner: A. Boehler

Art Unit: 3611

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003. A request for continued examination accompanies this amendment. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 66, 78 and 79 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A bracket apparatus for mounting a control device for a bicycle transmission to a bicycle frame, wherein the frame has a bottom bracket shell, a seat tube extending upwardly relative to the bottom bracket shell, a first chain stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube and a first seat stay extending rearwardly relative to the seat tube above the first chain stay, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a bracket base/for supporting the control device at least partially above the first chain stay; wherein the bracket base has a substantially horizontal upper surface for substantially its entire length, wherein the upper surface is structured to receive a vertically downwardly directed force component from a portion of the control device mounted above it;







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Commissioner:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

- [] A petition to extend time to respond in the above-identified prior application complying with the OG Notice of June 14, 1984 is enclosed.
- Please enter the amendment under §1.116 dated ___ and unentered in the prior nonprovisional application.
- [X] Please enter the enclosed amendment.
- [] Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 with copies of cited references.
- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
- [X] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503).

The required fees have been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	82	MINUS	79	3
INDEP.	9	MINUS	7	2
[] FIRST	PRESENTATION OF	MULTIPLE	DEP. CLAIM	

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	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
	x9=	\$		
	x42=	\$		
	+140=	\$		
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SMALL ENTITY

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RATE	ADDIT. FEE			
3x18=	\$54			
2x84=	\$168			
+280=	\$			
TOTAL	\$222			

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[X] Claims fee \$ 222

Time extension fee \$ __ is enclosed. [X] A check for \$ 972

Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Telephone: (530) 465-2430 Respectfully submitted, **DELAND LAW OFFICE**

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